

SONLIFE NEWS

SonLife Community Church

February 2008

SonLife undergoing a face-lift

It started with a walk-through of the church by the Shepherds and other church members with writing pads in hand last fall. Now, both the Foyer and the Fellowship Hall have been painted and are in the process of decoration.

Now, we're ready to take the next step...and help is needed. The hallway needs to be painted, a treatment needs to be put on the wood trim, and the carpets need to be cleaned in the fellowship area, hallway and nursery. Also, a cabinet needs to be built. If you can lend a hand with any of the above, please contact Pastor Marshall, Gilda or any of the Shepherds so that we can start Phase 3.

As the church's face-lift is going on, we are planning to promote the church to the community and invite both non-Christians and Christians to visit us and consider making SonLife their home church. This is a good time to start compiling your personal invitation list.

Church Super Bowl Party at Cottages at Riverhouse

Plan to have super fun on Super Bowl Sunday with your friends from church! Scottie Glasgow is hosting the church's Super Bowl Party on Feb. 3 from 4 p.m. until the game is over at her west-side housing community just off Pemberton Road. Bring a finger food snack and a drink to share. We can use the microwave, but not the oven in the area.



Craig Larson, Estrella Knutson, and Pete Frost help load unneeded items in a truck Saturday during a clean-up at the church. Josh Moore is in the background.



Glen and Estrella Knutson take a break Saturday in the church's Social Hall which was just re-painted and cleaned this week by Pastor Marshall and Gilda. Decorations still await placement.

To get there, take U.S. 50 to Nanticoke Road on the west side of Salisbury and then turn left if you are westbound. Take the first road (Pemberton) to the left and then continue through the four-way stop. The Cottages will be on your left (east) about three blocks past the four-way stop and past the school. It is across the street from the Heritage development. Turn left on Riverhouse Drive and make the first right into the parking area. The center will be on the left.

February Church Chat today after service

Plan to stay for about half an hour today to participate in the February Church Chat that will take place immediately following the services. This is an opportunity for everyone in the church to share information about the church events and help guide SonLife as we are providing a facelift to the physical structure and planning on reaching out to grow the church family.

In the January meeting, support for the Youth Group to go to the Ocean City Conference was expressed and the Shepherds later approved funding for that event for the youth. Several persons volunteered for helping with SonLife projects. One of the volunteers, Scotty Glasgow will be coordinating the after-church social time and food.

Because the church is moving into an outreach time to bring more people to the church, the Shepherds asked why people attended SonLife's Sunday morning services and several thoughts were thrown out which will be taken into consideration as we start inviting people.

Invite your friends to an Easter breakfast!

Easter is Sunday, March 23, and that will be marked by a special 8:30 a.m. breakfast for the families of SonLife Church, their friends, and the community. Linda Larson and Ann Wiseman are heading up the project and more details will be coming shortly.

Horse whisperer program planned for late spring

Details are still being worked out to bring a horse whisperer, Scott Tillinghast and his Faith Step Ministries to SonLife



Community Church in the late spring. Scott and his family are from Dundee, NY, where he ministers at a residential camp for troubled teens.

When the event is scheduled, it will be promoted widely to the Wicomico County community and everyone will be given the opportunity to invite their friends and acquaintances.

Youth Group active; plans for Ocean City conference

The new youth group was formed this past summer headed up by Carol Franz. Team members are David Mattson, Michelle Digby, Audrey Luck, Amanda Merryweather, and our most recent member is Katherine Lenehan. Throughout the summer, the team met on several occasions discussing and answering questions, and applying scriptures to such topics as gossip and temptation.



Carol Franz

Last Sept. 8, the youth group had its outing to Assateague Island for a day full of jet skiing, tubing, and just plain old fun in the sun. Everybody seemed to have a good time and a couple of our youth came home with some bumps and scrapes to show just how much fun they actually had.

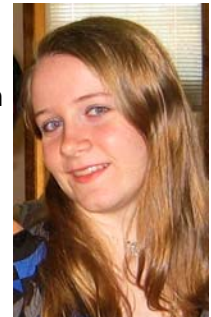
Since then we have had a luncheon at Friendly's in Pocomoke that was followed with time spent at Carol and Gretchen's house playing Guestures (a type of charades). The team briefly stopped meeting in order to prepare and rehearse for the annual Christmas play. We have since resumed to our meetings and are currently doing a 13-week Bible study which consists of video lessons, question and discussions, handouts, and even some role playing. Future events include:

Bowling in Pocomoke Saturday, February 23 @ 1:00 p.m.

Impact Conference in Ocean City at the Convention Center, March 28-30.

The following information will tell you a little bit about each of our youth.

Michelle Digby is 15 and a sophomore at Parkside High School. She has been playing the flute and participating in school bands for six years. She began playing the flute in fifth grade at Glen Ave Elementary, continued playing at Wicomico Middle School and has been participating in Parkside's marching band for two years. Michelle likes art, music, reading, and writing.



Katherine Lenehan is 14 and loves snakes, hunting, and talking to friends on the internet. She gives back to her community through volunteer work. So far, Katherine has volunteered 100 hours of service at the Salisbury Zoo.

David Mattson is 18 and is a junior at JMB High School. His one passion in life is to dance. He really enjoys dancing so much that he dances for one and half hours, four days a week. If anyone is looking to have a good workout come and join David; he would love to teach you all his moves. Just call in advance to let him know you are interested.

After graduation David plans on attending the College of Advance Technology (CAT) in Tempe, Arizona where he will study to become a game programmer.



Audrey Luck is 14 and is in the 8th grade at Bennett Middle School. Her hobby is dance, favorite color pink, likes hip-hop music, favorite T.V. show One Tree Hill, and she has a “passion for fashion”. She likes basketball and hopes to play in high school.

Her plans for the future are to attend college. Other possible future plans are - modeling, work at a salon like Tiffany, or substitute-teach. Audrey’s favorite person in the world is her “grammy” then her parents and siblings.



Amanda Merryweather is 13 and is a 7th grader at Bennett Middle School. She is an animal person and loves all animals. Her favorite pets are cats, dogs, and ferrets. She loves swimming, playing soccer, and capture the flag. She is very sociable but may be shy at times. She also likes fairies and painting. Amanda’s favorite singer is Avril LaVigne.



The Mattson Team held a surprise birthday party for Steve Wellfonder last Sunday after church. Count the candles...we’re not sure how many birthdays it is!

the One who loves us best. WE will begin in February discussing the topic of “forgiveness”. It is certain to be a rewarding experience for all of us!

In February, we celebrate Estrella Knutson’s 40th birthday!!! She is a “powerhouse” and a blessing to all who know her.

Our team always welcome newcomers. Everyone has an opportunity for relationship and connectedness. WE each look forward to our weekly time spent together.

Mattson Team report

Thoughts from our Monday night family: All of us would like to believe that we could accomplish one brave, selfless act for God and for His kingdom. Yet as we meet each week, we realize it takes greater courage to faithfully accomplish the daily, often thankless tasks of everyday life for Him. Being a father to our children...a good husband or wife to our mate...being a friend to a dear brother or sister in need.

Doing the everyday tasks of life is where others should see Jesus in us – and it is where we truly reflect our relationship with God. As each of us live out our everyday lives for Him, our prayer is that others will see Jesus in us. — **Monday night team** (Rose and Tom, Bob and Lee, Christina and Don, Wookie, Rachel, Steven)

Wise Team report

Throughout January the TEAM has been discussing “faith”...definition, what it means, how to exercise it, just to name a few of the questions. We have each discovered that there is more to learn and more to “exercise” as we grow our faith in

Men's Team

The next Men's Team meeting will be Tuesday evening, Feb. 12th, at 6:15 p.m. sharp at the Wise's. The purpose of that meeting will be to assist women of the church with home projects, car repairs, lawn care, or other chores. If you are a woman living alone or if your husband is unable to assist with these things, please contact Pastor Marshall by Sunday, Feb. 10th.

Women heading to Janes Island for annual retreat

Although registration is closed, many women of the church will be going to Janes Island near Crisfield for their annual retreat on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8-9.

After that, the ladies will be singing at Wicomico County Nursing home once a month starting on March 4, then April 1 and May 6. We will have more dates in the future.

Our next team meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 26. We are still studying the Book of James. There has been some exciting insights for each of us as we study this book. If you have not been with us up to this point, you can still jump right in. Each lesson is new to each of us. So, please join us for fellowship, food, and filling our hearts and heads with the precious Word of God.

As most of you know, each year the Ladies Team goes to the Women of Faith Conference in Philadelphia in September. Tickets have already been bought. Cost to each of the ladies is \$99. If you are interested in going *OR* interested in sponsoring someone to go – final payment must be made before April 1.

To pay for the cost of gas and hotel, the Ladies TEAM has a couple of events to raise money. The most popular one seems to be the **Chocolate Easter Eggs**. This year we will have chocolate-covered peanut butter, chocolate-covered coconut, and – new this year – chocolate-covered cherry. The cost for each egg is \$3.00 and we will begin taking orders February 17. Last year, we made 247 eggs which brought in \$741. This was the total made since all of the ladies going to Women of Faith contributed \$10 each for the cost of making the eggs. You *know* that takes a lot of loving hands doing the work. So, with that in mind, we will again be doing the eggs in 3 shifts, March 10, and twice on March 11. This is for making the eggs, dipping them, and then bagging them (making them look beautiful!).

If you are interested in helping, see Gilda or Linda. We will have sign-up sheets in February

This is the family that SonLife Community Church blessed at Christmas. (Photo by Rhonda Lenehan)



for this. Again, we will begin taking orders February 17 and will have them completed and ready for delivery on March 16. So – I can only hope that I have all of your tastebuds tingling with anticipation!!

We are still working on ideas for another fundraiser so stayed tuned. I guarantee it will be loads of fun whatever it is.

Homebuilders Team starting a new study

Under the leadership of Pete and Inge Frost, the couples of the Homebuilders Team have been most recently studying the power of prayer in marriages, including the benefits of prayer and the components of prayer such as praise, confession, and supplication.

On Feb. 16, they will have their annual Valentine's Potluck Dinner and then the group will start studying the book, Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas.

Any couples who would like to join or visit the group, please contact Pete or Inge Frost at the church or call them at (410) 860-2411.

Upcoming events

- Feb. 8 - 9 Women's Retreat at Jane's Island.
- Feb. 12 Men's Team at the Wises, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 16 Homebuilders Valentine Dinner at the Wisemans
- Feb. 26 Ladies Team, Session 5, Preventing Forest Fires. Read James 3:1-12
- March 14 Homebuilders at Frosts, 7 p.m.

This is your newsletter...item deadline Feb. 25th

This is your chance to tell the rest of the church about others in the church and yourself. Your own spiritual insights are welcome also. E-mail info and photos to Ann Wiseman at Bdenver234@comcast.net or by giving her the information at church. The deadline for the next newsletter is Feb. 25th.